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SUBJECT: FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT CHARGED WITH VIOLATION OF
ILO CONVENTION

1. THE //SUNDAY TIMES// OF JULY 10, 1977, REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF
UNNAMED NIGERIANS HAD LODGED A STRONG PROTEST AGAINST THE FEDERAL
MILITARY GOVERNMENT WITH WORLD FEDERATION OF TRADE UNIONS (WFTU)
ACCUSING THE FMG OF VIOLATING THE 1948 ILO CONVENTION DEALING WITH
THE FREEDOM OF ASSOCIATION AND PROTECTION OF RIGHTS TO ORGANIZE.
REPORTEDLY THE WFTU HAS SENT A PROTEST TO THE FMG CHARGING THAT IT
HAD VIOLATED THE ILO CONVENTION SINCE THE FMG HAD REFUSED TO
RECOGNIZE THE EXECUTIVE
OMMITTEE ELECTED BY THE NIGERIAN LABOR
CONGRESS AT ITS INAUGURAL CONVENTION AND HAD BANNED ELEVEN UNION
LEADERS.

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2. IN A PRIVATE DISCUSSION WITH AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE, MR. M.O. KING,
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER OF THE BANNED NIGERIAN TRADE UNION CONGRESS,
SAID THAT A DIPLOMAT OF THE USSR EMBASSY HERE "IS HELPING US ON
THIS MATTER."

3. MR. G. FOGAM, DIRECTOR OF THE ILO AREA OFFICE IN LAGOS, TOLD
AN EMBASSY EMPLOYEE THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE WFTU PROTEST AND

HAD FORWARDED IT TO THE COMMISSIONER OF LABOR, BUT HAD NOT RECEIVED
A REPLY. FOGAM ALSO SAID THAT IN HIS VIEW THE FMG HAD VIOLATED
THE ILO CONVENTION AND THAT THE COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS HAD EXPRESSED
DISAPPOINTMENT WITH THE FMG'S ACTIONS. FOGAM ADDED THAT HE HAD
ADVISED THE FMG AGAINST BANNING THE ELEVEN TRADE UNION LEADERS.

4. EMBASSY COMMENT: WE SEE LITTLE REASON TO EXPECT ANY CHANGE
IN THE FMG'S STAND RESULTING FROM THE WFTU'S PROTEST.
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